

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 November 1957		2. LOCATION Approx 200 Mi south of New Orleans, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0510 - 0521 hrs GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Coast Guard Ship			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 11 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four		9. COURSE separate & variable	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Report from skipper of Sabego that 3 contacts made on radar of unknown object, also one visual sighting. Press & TV implied that it was one simple distinct mysterious object. Visual sighting at 0521Z. Object insight for 3 seconds in horizontal flight from 270 dgr to 310 dgr azimuth at altitude of 31 dgr.				11. COMMENTS Visual sighting: Meteor. Radar: False Targets.	
12. Other spurious R return <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					



GULF OF MEXICO, 5 NOVEMBER 1957  
COAST GUARD CUTTER SEBAGO

Unidentified Flying Object was observed at 0510Z, position 25.47N 89.24W, Sebago course 023 degrees true. First contact by ship's radar bearing 290 degrees true at 14 miles. Target moving in north to south direction. No visual or audible contact. At 0513Z target closed to two miles returned up port side from south to north. Contact lost at 0514Z. Second contact at 0516Z bearing 188 degrees true, range 22 miles, faded at 0518Z, 190 degrees true and 55 miles. Third contact at 0520Z bearing 350 degrees true, range 7 miles. Target appeared stationary. At 0537Z target faded from scope at 015 degrees true, range 175 miles. Fourth contact (only visual contact) was at 0521Z bearing 270 degrees true target angle 31 degrees moving in horizontal direction from south to north. Visual contact held through 270 degrees to 310 degrees for approximately three seconds. Object resembled brilliant planet. High rate of speed.

The impression that there was only one object is erroneous. Each time succeeding target picked up it was in almost the direct opposite direction from preceding target and considerable distance away. Since 3 radar contacts were observed in a period of about 6 minutes, then disappeared, anomalous propagation (false targets) is the most likely cause of the radar sighting. The visual target was determined to be a meteor.



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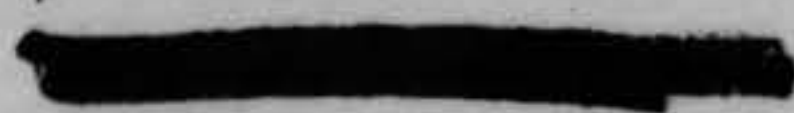
SUBJECT: Evaluation of UFO Report, Gulf of Mexico

5 Jun 63

TO: TDEW/Capt Quintanilla

Opinions regarding 5 ~~Nov~~ 1957 Gulf of Mexico reports:

- a. Speeds of two of three radar sightings are compatible with aircraft speeds.
- b. If planes were flying at very low altitudes (below 1000 ft), they would "drop out" at distances around 55NM. (Assuming ship's antenna height = 100 ft).
- c. "Second time around" signals might act like this - be erratic, and drop out at what looks like short ranges.
- d. If the target in the third sighting actually did "hover" - i.e., if the range remained constant, it would indicate either a balloon, or a false target - probably the latter, since the contact apparently lasted only about 1 minute.
- e. Since 3 radar contacts were observed in a period of about 6 minutes, then disappeared, it seems most likely that anomalous propagation (false targets) is the answer.

  
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A	INITIAL TWX
B	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
C	PLOT OF SABEGO'S COURSE
D	[REDACTED] ANALYSIS
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Nov 6 01 04 '57

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4-4X 2007  
mil

A UZ

WPF011 YDA005 VYC007 VDC003KBA001

PP RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEPNB

DE RJESKB 9A ✓

P 032230Z ✓

FM COMDR 657TH ACWRON ✓

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV DOBBINS AFB

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RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

RJEPHQ/COMDR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF

INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB

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/UNCLASSIFIED/OPS 020E.ATTN:CIC UFOB PD FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT IS  
SUBMITTED

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 7AFR 200-2 DATED 12 AUGUST 1954 PD

- 7D (1) (A) EGG SHAPED  
(B) DON'T KNOW  
(C) DON'T KNOW  
(D) 1  
(E) N/A  
(F) RESEMBLED BRILLIANT PLANET  
(G) DON'T KNOW  
(H) NONE

6 Nov 57 07.50

ATC ✓



PAGE TWO RJESKB 9A

(1) TRAVELED AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED

(2) (A) UNKNOWN

(B) UNKNOWN

(C) UNKNOWN

(D) 0510 CST- RADAR 14 NM FROM COAST GUARD CUTTER.

<sup>1.</sup>  
OBJECT GOING NORTH TO SOUTH. <sup>2.</sup> 0513 CST TARGET 2 NM FROM CUTTER

GOING SOUTH TO NORTH. 0514 CST LOST RADAR CONTACT. 0516 CST

PICKED UP TARGET 22 NM FROM CUTTER FLYING CIRCULAR PATTERN.

0520 CST 7 NM FROM CUTTER STATIONARY AND HOVERING. 0521 CST

FIRST VISIBLE CONTACT GOING SOUTH TO NORTH, VISIBLE FOR 3

SECONDS. 0537 CST LOST VISUAL AND RADAR CONTACT.

(E) WENT OUT OF SIGHT

(F) 3 SECONDS

(3) (A) ELECTRONICS AND SIGHTING VISUALLY

(B) UNKNOWN

(C) UNKNOWN

(4) (A) 05/1110Z-1137Z

(B) UNKNOWN

(5) (A) COAST GUARD SEBAGO 200NM SOUTH OF THE MOUTH OF

THE MISSISSIPPI STEAMING NORTH

1st - N to South  
2nd - S to North



(6) (A) UNKNOWN (INFO ~~REDACTED~~ NEWSPAPER REPORTER  
NEW ORLEANS LA) (TU 2411)

(7) (A) UNKNOWN

(B) UNKNOWN

(C) UNKNOWN

(D) UNKNOWN

(E) UNKNOWN

(F) UNKNOWN

(8) (A) UNKNOWN

(9) (A) UNKNOWN

(10) (A) UNKNOWN

(11) (A) LAWRENCE STAGE JR. COMDR JACKSON FILTER CENTER  
JACKSON MISSISSIPPI UNKNOW PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

(12) (A) UNKNOWN

REMARKS: (1) FULL REPORT ON SIGHTING BEING PASSED FROM CUTTER  
SEBAGO TO COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS.

(2) MR. ~~REDACTED~~ HAD ANOTHER REPORT ON UFOB 1100Z-1115Z  
AT BATON ROUGE NO DETAILS

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05/2318Z NOV RJESKB



0189.  
will pick up

6 NOV 57 07 27

1) 4E4  
2) 3-4X20  
3-4X20  
Red atc

14:00

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DWP H030 WPD134 YDC091 TYC155 TMA132BT277BET157BETN087BEETNFJ 025  
PP RJEPHQ RJEDWP RJEDEN RJEPNB RBEPW RBEGC  
DE RBETNFJ 25  
P 051400Z  
FM CCGDEIGHT  
TO RJEPHQ/DIRINT HQ USAF WASHDC  
RE/AIRTECHINT CENTER WRIGHT .TT AFB OHIO - ATTN AT1AA  
RJEDEN/COM AIRDEFCOMMAND ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS



INFO RBEPW/DIRNAVINT NAVY DEPT WASHDC

RBEGC/COMSEASTSEAFRON

USCG GRNC

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FLYOB RPT X CGC SEBAGO WPG 42 REPORTS FOLLOWING AT 051255Z X QUOTE X  
 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OBSERVED AT 0510S X POSIT 25.47N 89.24W X  
 SEBAGO COURSE 023 DEGREES TRUE X FIRST CONTACT BY SPS RADAR BEARING  
<sup>1st Contact:</sup> 290 TRUE 14 MILES X TARGET MOVING IN NORTH TO SOUTH DIRECTION X NO  
 VISUAL OR AUDIBLE CONTACT X 0513S TARGET CONTACT CLOSED TO 2 MILES  
 RETURNED UP PORT SIDE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH X CONTACT LOST AT 0514S X  
<sup>2nd Contact:</sup> 0516S CONTACT REGAINED BEARING 188 TRUE RANGE 22 MILES 0518S FADE AT  
 190 TRUE 55 MILES <sup>3rd Contact</sup> 0520S CONTACT REGAINED BEARING 350 DEGREES TRUE  
 RANGE 7 MILES X TARGET APPEARED STATIONARY X <sup>4th Contact (only visual contact)</sup> 0521S VISUAL CONTACT  
 BEARING 270 TRUE TARGET ANGLE 31 DEGREES MOVING IN HORIZONTAL DIRECTION  
<sup>ELEVATION</sup> FROM SOUTH TO NORTH X VISUAL CONTACT HELD THROUGH 270 DEGREES TO 310  
 DEGREES APPROXIMATELY 3 SECONDS X OBJECT RESEMBLED BRILLIANT PLANET  
 X HIGH RATE OF SPEED X LAST CONTACT BY RADAR BEARING 015 TRUE RANGE  
 175 MILES X 0537S LOST CONTACT

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CFN 051255Z 0510S 25.47N 89.24W 023 290 14 0513S 2 0514S 0516S 188  
 22 0518S 190 55 0520S 350 7 0521S 270 31 270 310 3 015 175 0537S

05/1400Z NOV RBETNFJ

1st Contact - approx 16 miles  
 in 2-3 minutes  
 (250 MPH)

2nd Contact - approx 33 miles  
 in 2-3 minutes  
 (660 MPH+)

3rd Contact - JNK - 1 MIN  
 Distance  
 4000

4th Contact Visual - Horizontal, 84N Manner and flight of object described  
 suggest.

In all events, more than one target is

*It should be strongly emphasized  
 That objects were not one target - but  
 apparently 4 distinct, separate targets.  
 Note: Each time target picked up, it  
 was almost exactly opposite direction  
 and some distance away - where the preceding  
 target disappeared.*